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# PATENT APPLICATION

#### IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Tatsuki KOUWA, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/688,350

9/688,350 Group Art Unit: 2834

Confirmation No.: 9796

Examiner: J. Gonzalez

Filed: October 16, 2000

For: VOLTAGE CONTROL APPARATUS FOR VEHICLE GENERATOR

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

## **IN THE CLAIMS:**

### Please enter the following amended claims:

1. (Amended) A voltage control apparatus for a vehicle generator comprising:

an input terminal for inputting a voltage of a battery through an ignition switch and a light emitting element connected in series with said ignition switch,

a rotor coil of said vehicle generator started in excitation when a voltage at said input terminal exceeds a predetermined value, and

a resistor for limiting a current flowing through said light emitting element, disposed between an element within said voltage control apparatus for lighting said light emitting element, and said input terminal.

